

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on September 9, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(353) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of September 2, 2003. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist and Robin McHugh

(354) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2003.8.121 – Petition to segregate Qualifying Facility Funds:

Commissioner Rowe moved to consolidate petitions. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(355) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Updating of PSC NESC Rules:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to update ANSI and NESC Rules to include incorporation by reference of the latest version. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(356) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Annual Update of PSC Pipeline Safety Rules: Commissioner Stovall moved to update Codes for the year 2003. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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(357) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Annual Renewal of Btu Monitoring Contracts:

Commissioner Brainard moved to renew contracts for the 2003-2004 heating season. Commissioner

Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(358) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2003.7.97 – NWE – Interim Monthly Gas Cost Tracker:

Commissioner Stovall moved to issue a protective order similar to the order for the electric tracking in that the Commission issues one order that will continue through all future filings. The order would be subject to change at the Commission's discretion. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Marla Larson

(359) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the proposed OMS comments on MISO market tariff:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to support MISO States' comments to the FERC in this case and that we include reservation language with respect to western energy issues. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney

(360) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance board member:

Commissioner Rowe moved to reappoint Will Rosquist to a new 3-year term as the Montana PSC's representative on the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance board. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator

Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(361) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Budget/Travel for Will Rosquist:

Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize Will Rosquist to attend the ERE Committee's Portfolio Management Workshop in Chicago, Ill., September 18-19, 2003. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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ATTEST:

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(362) In the matter of D2003.8.109 – NWE – Northwest Energy' s Financial Investigation:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the protective order pursuant to pleading and recommendation of counsel. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Rowe who later cast his vote aye, making the vote unanimous.

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